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LETTER DATED 30 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I would like to draw your attention to the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia, Dr. Mate Granic, addressed to you on 18 June 1993 (S/25973) concerning the separation of the mandate of the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) into three independent mandates, one for the Republic of Croatia, a second for the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and a third for the Republic of Macedonia.

My Government still considers the above proposal and the arguments contained in the letter to be fully viable and, in the spirit of your recent meeting with Dr. Granic, I have the honour to propose that the initial steps in the process of separation could be the following:

1. Giving a new name to the operation in Croatia, from which it would be prima facie evident that the peace-keeping force is located on the territory of the Republic of Croatia;

2. Separating the civilian sector of the so-far unified operation by creating an independent office for fulfilling the civilian tasks of the peace-keeping operation, including the Head of Civilian Affairs, that would have the authority and responsibility only for the territory of Croatia;

3. In further reviews of revisions of the mandate of the peace-keeping force in Croatia, having the relevant resolutions or statements of the Security Council, as well as all the documents of the Secretariat, reflect the fact that the mandate in Croatia is per se separate, and that the documents deal with this mandate only, and do not include the mandates in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Republic of Macedonia;

4. Signing the Status of Force Agreement between the United Nations and the Croatian Government that would be in effect for the territory of the Republic of Croatia within its international borders.

It is the strong belief of my Government that these first steps would facilitate the mandate of UNPROFOR in the Republic of Croatia. We have a full understanding of the financial and operational difficulties which the UNPROFOR

operation is facing. In this regard, Croatia is ready to cooperate with the United Nations, but I must once again emphasize the political and legal importance of the above measures.

I would ask for your kind assistance in having this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
Ambassador
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